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Art. II, Department of State Health Services
Amend Rider
Transition of the NorthSTAR Behavioral Health Services Model

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Overview

Amend the following rider in the Senate engrossed version of CSHB1 to allocate funding after the discontinuation of NorthSTAR to the North Texas Behavioral Health Authority and the newly-created local mental health authority serving Collin County. Additionally, the executive commissioner shall provide a recommendation on the date of transition.

Required Action

On page II-69 of the Department of State Health Services bill pattern in the Senate engrossed version of CSHB1, amend the following rider:

76. ~~NorthSTAR Funding~~ **Transition of the NorthSTAR Behavioral Health Services Model.** Appropriations made above in this Act in Strategy B.2.4, NorthSTAR Behavioral Health Waiver, for fiscal year 2017 assume the discontinuation of the program on December 31, 2016.

- a. Beginning January 1, 2017, funds to provide services, other than Medicaid behavioral health services, previously available through NorthSTAR are allocated as follows:

North Texas Behavioral Health Authority (NTBHA):

B.2.1, Mental Health Services for Adults, \$19,218,496 in GR and \$23,144,112 in All

Funds

B.2.2, Mental Health Services for Children, \$6,406,164 in GR and \$7,714,702 in All

Funds

B.2.3, Community Mental Health Crisis Services, \$5,348,640 in GR and All Funds

B.2.5, Substance Abuse Prevention, \$744,954 in GR, \$6,495,191 in All Funds

Local Mental Health Authority (LMHA) serving Collin County:

B.2.1, Mental Health Services for Adults, \$4,769,692 in GR and \$5,825,822 in All Funds

B.2.2, Mental Health Services for Children, \$1,589,897 in GR and \$1,941,940 in All

Funds

B.2.3, Community Mental Health Crisis Services, \$1,438,974 in GR and All Funds

B.2.5, Substance Abuse Prevention, \$114,972 in GR, \$1,002,432 in All Funds

This allocation takes into account the proportion of historical billing patterns, general population, and population under 200 percent of federal poverty level. These amounts include funding adjustments of \$10,861,046 in General Revenue for NTBHA (which includes \$7,087,817 for one-time transition needs) and \$2,515,132 in General Revenue for the LMHA serving Collin County (which includes \$1,500,000 for one-time transition needs). Expenditure of transition funding must be approved by the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) executive commissioner.

- b. It is the intent of the Legislature that the NorthSTAR Behavioral Health Services model cease operation on December 31, 2016. Transition funds are intended to support NTBHA and LMHA Collin County for readiness to transition by this date. The HHSC executive commissioner, in coordination with DSHS, shall evaluate and report to the Legislature by May 1, 2016 on the progress of NTBHA and LMHA Collin County, separately, as they transition from the current NorthSTAR model to the new models. If deemed necessary, the HHSC executive commissioner may submit a request to the Legislative Budget Board to extend the transition deadline by 90 days. The request should indicate how transition funds have been spent to date, provide a rationale for the delay and include a plan to complete the transition with an accompanying plan for strategy transfers to align with the delayed transition date, which can be no later than March 31, 2017. The request shall be considered to be disapproved unless the Legislative Budget Board or the Governor issue a written approval within 15 business days of the date on which the staff of the Legislative Budget Board forwards its